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Inspector General Observations

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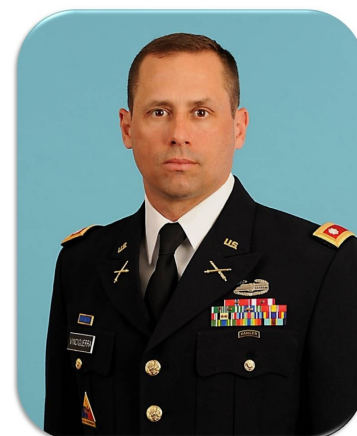
It is a great honor to have been selected as the new Command Inspector General of the U.S. Army's Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill. After being on the job only a few short weeks, I've quickly become aware that there may be some confusion about the IG branch and what its function is. The IG has four core functions: inspections, investigations, assistance and teaching & training. However, the majority of their time is spent assisting and teaching and training. We are tasked to be the eyes and ears of the Commanding

General in order to identify potential concerns before they become issues that require investigations or inspections. We advise and assist the Army leadership to promote adherence to the Army's core values, discipline, efficiency and readiness.

This Bulletin is one of the many ways in which we try to help units, leaders, Families, Civilians and Soldiers to remain aware of standards and policies and stay up to date with any changes to them. In addition to the IG Bulletin, the

IG office maintains a Facebook page, publishes the IG Information Railroad newsletter to commanders as well as being open every work day in order to assist all members of the FCoE family. I look forward to serving you.

"First Right, Then Forward"



Living in the World of Social Media

By MSG Steven R. Jenderseck, Inspector General NCOIC

The Army recognizes that social media gives people the ability to communicate with larger audiences faster than ever before. It has become an important tool for Army messaging and outreach. The Army uses a large variety of social media platforms designed to support a range of media from text, audio, photos, and videos. The Army also understands the risks associated with social media and has developed training to help Soldiers and Family members use social media responsibly (www.slideshare.net/USArmySocialMedia).

Soldiers have always been the most effective messengers for our Army. Today, social media can reach across the oceans and around the world to stay connected. When a member of the Army joins social media, it increases the dissemination of information. Social media allows every Soldier to be part of the Army story and this allows America to connect with the Army because social media is cheap, effective, and a measur-

able form of communication. Social Media is a powerful tool as it can help an Army organization reach an enormous audience quickly. Many unit organizations and Family Readiness Groups are represented on forms of social media such as Facebook, but many organizations do not know the requirement to register their social media page with the Army. This requirement is set forth in Directive Type Memorandum (DTM) 09-026, Responsible and Effective Use of Internet-based Capabilities, and official online presence.

Before an organization can register their social media page with the Army, those websites must adhere to the following standards: be categorized as a government page; include commander approved names (i.e. 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry [Family Readiness]), not a nickname nor mascot (i.e. not the "dragons"); Facebook pages must include "posting guidelines" under the "Info Tab"; be recent and up to date (most recent post not older than 30 days); adhere to Operational Security

guidelines; does not contain personal advertisements or endorsements. Then they can process their registration with the Army at

www.army.mil/socialmedia. Once your site is approved, it will be added to the list of social media presences on the Army's social media directory within a few weeks. In addition to appearing on the Army's social media directory, the Army will forward your link to Facebook. Facebook will then remove the ads from the right side of your page.



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The New Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU)

By SFC Mark L. Monhollen, Assistant Inspector General

If you remember a few years ago around February to March 2012, you might have received an email to participate in voting for a new physical fitness uniform, to include the design as well as the colors. More than 76,000 comments, recommendations and endorsements were generated from Soldiers to help modify the appearance of the Improvised Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU).

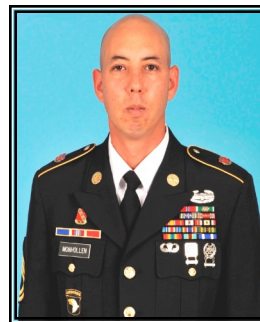
More than 190,000 Soldiers participated in a second survey to help determine the color and design of the fitness uniform. Out of the 64 designs, the majority of Soldiers voted for the black and gold ensemble. The new APFU will have 34 improvements overall. Some include an improved identification card/key pocket, heat mitigation, and female sizing (pants/jacket) just to name a few. The new APFU is quick drying, moisture wicking, and uses light-weight fabrics. Since this uniform is not currently available with reflective markings, it will be more imperative to wear the reflective belt/ vests. The Army is also changing the color of the micro fleece cap from foliage

green to black for wear on the new APFU.

Like the new Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU) or not, it will be required for all Army Service members to have by 1 October 2017, which means the wear out date for the IPFU is 30 September 2017. The United States Army will begin transitioning to the new Army Fitness Uniform beginning 1st Quarter, Fiscal Year 15 (1 October 2014). Starting 2nd QTR, FY15 Drill Sergeants and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) Platoon Sergeants will be authorized to obtain their supplemental issue of the APFU at the Clothing Initial Issue Point (CIIP). Initial Entry Training (IET) Soldiers will start receiving them starting 3rd QTR, FY 15. The Fort Sill Clothing and Sales will not immediately have the new APFU, but Army Military Clothing Stores (AMCS) will begin receiving products in October 2014. Keep in mind that we will have to pay for the new Army Physical Fitness Uniform out of pocket, but for enlisted Soldiers, you do receive a clothing allowance once a year to purchase new uniforms. Ensure if you do purchase the

new APFU uniform, that you have the authorized nomenclature and not an unauthorized version.

There will be no mixing of uniforms between the IPFU and the APFU. Soldiers who purchase the uniform when they become available will be authorized to wear it; do not single those Soldiers out. Leaders take the initiative and lead by example for your subordinates by promoting the new APFU and have a standard for Soldiers to follow who purchase and do decide to wear the new APFU. This can be addressed through a policy memorandum. If you would like more information on this, you can contact Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) Logistics Staff Officer Major Danny Padello at daniel.e.padello.mil@mail.mil. You may also contact them at DSN 224-0956 or commercial at 703-614-0956.



Social Media cont.

Since social media use is commonplace in our day-to-day interactions, it is easy to become complacent. In order to maintain OPSEC, it is important to remain vigilant at all times. Army social media managers (page administrators) are required to complete two OPSEC courses. The Information Assur-

ance Training Center offers the computer-based Social Media and Operations Security Training Course (<https://ia.signal.army.mil>). It is self paced and takes approximately 60 minutes to complete. Social media managers must also take the DISA Social Networking Class ([http://iase.disa.mil/eta/Pages/](http://iase.disa.mil/eta/Pages/index.aspx)

[index.aspx](http://iase.disa.mil/eta/Pages/index.aspx)). All Army Activity Message (ALARACT) 421/2011, states that "all commanders will ensure those personnel who publish or input information on EOP sites receives mandatory OPSEC training."

Upcoming Inspections

The Fort Sill Inspector General typically conducts at least one special inspection (directed by the CG) every quarter; and sometimes more when a special situation dictates the necessity. Other Inspectors General (e.g. TRADOC IG, DAIG, FORSCOM IG) also conduct annual and quarterly inspections. Inspections do not always affect all units and coordination directly with the affected units will occur as soon as details are known. The following are the inspections that are currently on the calendar that will potentially affect Fort Sill units and directorates.

DATE	Inspecting Agency	Units Affected	Inspection Topic
8 SEP 14 - 19 SEP 14	FCoE IG	30th ADA, 31st ADA, 75th FiB, 214th FiB, 428th FA, 434th FA, FCOE HQ-Det, USAG-FS, NCOA,	Voting Assistance
2 DEC 14 - 12 DEC 14	FCoE IG	30th ADA, 428th FA, 434th FA, FCOE HQ-Det, 77th Army Band	FRG Program/ Budgeting